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## Parks, Recreation & Street Lighting Report November 2023

### Introduction

The District Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains community centers, senior centers, parks and streetlights. The District currently has two community centers, one located in Phelan and another in Pinon Hills. Adjacent to each of the centers are two parks that have playgrounds, basketball courts and shaded picnic tables. Parks and recreation are a vital component to any community. It not only adds beauty, but provides safe areas for activities of individuals, families, and groups. The parks are available for use from morning until dusk. The community centers are utilized for a wide range of activities and are available to the community for a small fee. The District currently offers several events and activities, and continues to work on various recreation ideas and continues to partner with local civic groups creating programs that are beneficial to the community at large.

The Parks and Recreation Department realizes the importance of long-range planning to preserve and protect our valuable assets and to allow for efficient use of resources for future growth. The efficient use of resources will allow the District to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain a park and recreation system which enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserves it for future generations. The District continues to develop a sustainable park system that will be supported by decisions that provide services at a sustainable rate, such as providing infrastructure that can be reasonably maintained while setting realistic targets on programs and services.

The District currently owns four vacant parcels for future parks and recreation facilities, a 55 acre parcel on Johnson Road, an 80 acre parcel on Sheep Creek Road, a 25 acre parcel on Chateau Road and a 4 acre parcel on Warbler Road that includes an adjacent 10 acre parcel off of Sahara Road.

The streetlights primarily service the business district of Phelan. There are also lights at strategic intersections to help in providing safety to the community. Expansion of the street lighting to other intersections is considered based upon a safety need, however the District does respect the San Bernardino County "Dark Sky" ordinance and encourages residents to do the same.

### Monthly Activity Report

The following report details the number of community center rentals and activities for the month:

Location	Paid Rental	District Use	Donated Use
Phelan Community Center	4	8	5
Phelan Senior Center	4	3	11
Piñon Hills Community Center	8	0	6
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Phelan Park	0	0	0

### **Events and Classes**

The following is a brief summary of current parks and recreation events:

- Regular Parks Committee Meeting – November 14, 2023, 4:30 pm at Phelan C.C.
- Farmers Market – Mondays, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm (summer hours at Phelan C.C.)
- Line Dancing – Every Friday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am at Phelan C.C.
- Senior Activities – Mondays & Thursdays Pinon Hills C.C. and Tuesdays & Fridays, Phelan C.C.
- Kids Baking Class – Saturday 11/4/2023 at 10:30 am. Phelan C.C.
- Painting Class – Saturday 11/11/2023, Ages 5-12 at 9 am. Ages 13 and up at 11 am. Phelan C.C.
- Painting Class – Saturday 12/2/2023, Ages 5-12 at 9 am. Ages 13 and up at 11 am. Phelan C.C.
- Kids Baking Class – Saturday 12/9/2023 at 10:30 am. Phelan C.C.
- Gardening Class – Using a Greenhouse, Saturday 11/11/2023. At 10 am.
- Gardening Class – Planting Trees and Pruning, Saturday 12/9/2023. At 10 am.
- (Learn to Garden classes are held at the Teaching Garden, just north of PPHCSD Office)

### **Projects/Activities in Process**

- Parks Budget for 2023/2024 – Board approved, Fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
- Phelan Park Expansion Project – Design with phase planning has been addressed with the board, awaiting funding opportunities for the District owned parks properties east of Phelan Park – 4.22-acre parcel, APN 3066-261-08, and adjoining 10-acre parcel, APN 3066-251-14.
- Possible funding sources for the Phelan Park expansion project are in process and ongoing.
  - American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Funds - The county has preliminarily approved \$457,194 in ARPA funds for construction of certain parks elements. The contract was approved by the District's Board on 3/8/2023 and was submitted to the County and is awaiting Board of Supervisors for ratification, expected 2023.
- Parks Master Plan – Action plan needs are being implemented and are ongoing.

